(c) and (d) Parity of PIO Card holders with NRIs in regard to investments in the Civil Aviation sector is under consideration of the Ministries concerned.

Conferring more powers to CBI

3189. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a special legislation to govern the functioning of Central Bureau of Investigation to confer more powers to the agency or otherwise;

(b) the grounds, for and against, if any, examined by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) No, Sir; The present arrangement where CBI draws its authority under Delhi Special Policy Establishment, Act 1946 has worked satisfactorily. CBI enjoys functional autonomy under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 as amended by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 and has the requisite authority under the law for investigation and prosecution purposes.

Report on corruption

3190. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the recently released Indian Corruption Study to improve Governance 2005, by the Centre for Media Studies;

(b) whether the police tops the list with judiciary and land administration including urban bodies with the education sector topping the ranking on monetary terms;

(c) whether the survey estimates the monetary value of petty corruption at a whopping Rs. 21,800 crores a year;

(d) whether Bihar is rated most corrupt State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith remedial measures taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) the study undertaken by Transparency International India in alliance with Centre for Media Studies is based on a survey done on 14,405 respondents in 20 states and covers 11 services. The key highlights of the study including ranking of various services based on Corruption Index, reasons for corruption and monitory value of the corruption estimated in the study have been published by the Transparency International India, New Delhi under the title India Corruption Study, 2005 to Improve Governance.

(e) Several steps have already been taken in order to remove corruption; and to improve administrative functioning. Important among them are: enacting the Right to Information Act, 2005; Notification of the Whistle Blowers Resolution 2004; the pro-active involvement of Ministry/ Department through Annual Action Plan on Vigilance; issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting processes by the CVC; enactment of CVC Act and strengthening the CBI to discharge its anti corruption work; increased use of Information and Communication Technology; introduction of Citizens Charters and simplifications of procedures and systems etc.

Cases Registered by CBI for Departmental Enquiries

3191. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI had registered 35 departmental enquiries in 2004;

(b) if so, whether out of them 11 are against Gazetted Officers including DIG and SPs;

(c) whether legal officers, Public Prosecutors and legal advisors are also involved in it; and